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WARSAW FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY JONES

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, HU

SUBJ: VOLSPKR SIDNEY JONES; WORLD WAR I FLOUR DEBT

REF: STATE 169057

1. EMBASSY HAS EMPHASIZED TO GOH THAT ASST SECRETARY JONES IS VISITING BUDAPEST AS USIS GUEST TO TALK ABOUT CURRENT AMERICAN ECONOMIC POLICY. BUT AS DEPARTMENT UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, FALUVEGI'S DECISION TO QTE RECEIVE UNQTE JONES IS A COMMAND PERFORMANCE.

2. MINFIN DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AKAR HAS SAID THAT DESPITE ESPOUSED PURPOSE OF JONES VISIT GOH HOPES THAT HIS TRIP WILL PROMPT A USG RESPONSE OR THAT JONES HIMSELF MIGHT BRING QTE NEWS UNQTE FROM WASHINGTON. EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED TO DISENCHANT AKAR.

3. GOH BUREAUCRACY IS NEITHER FAST NOR EFFICIENT. IN THIS MATTER SAME CAN BE SAID FOR USG. HUNGARIANS HAVE SOUGHT METHOD TO SETTLE WORLD WAR I DEBT FOR SOME TIME, AND HAVE PURSUED MATTER DILIGENTLY FOR PAST 15 MONTHS. EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT GOH MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DESPITE EMBASSY ASSURANCES TO CONTRARY, BELIEVES U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS DELIBERATELY DALLYING.

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4. EMBASSY IYBARRANGING MEETINGS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY

JONES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS WELL-KNOWN EXPERTISE ON

U.S. ECONOMIC POLICY. BUT IT WOULD BE LESS EMBARRASSING
FOR ALL IF EMBASSY COULD RESPOND TO GOH APRIL NOTE ON
RELIEF CREDIT AND SURPLUS PROPERTY BEFORE JONES' ARRIVAL
OR WHILE HE IS IN BUDAPEST. EMBASSY FEELS THIS IS FAR
PREFERABLE THAN HAVING ASSISTANT SECRETARY JONES RESPOND
WITH STOCK USG ANSWER -- THAT USG WILL SOON BE IN TOUCH
WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IF AT ALL POSSIBLE PLEASE PROVIDE
RESPONSE TO GOH APRIL 16 NOTE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF
ASSISTANT SECRETARY JONES.
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